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14 February 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Training

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With regard to the attached memorandum, I have been assured by [redacted] Assistant to the Director, that Mr. [redacted] has never submitted an article to the Agency prior to its publication. It therefore seems appropriate for [redacted] to advise the Midcareer class of this fact, and I request that he do so.

/s/ L. K. White

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Executive Director-Comptroller

Attachment

Memo dtd 10 Feb 66 to

[redacted]

cc: [redacted]

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Chief, Western Area/CCI

FROM : Chief, [REDACTED]

THROUGH : Acting Chief, Latin America Division/OCI

SUBJECT : Comments by Columnist [REDACTED] about Unfavorable Press Coverage of CIA and the DCI

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1. During the second two-week phase of the Agency's current Midcareer Executive Development course which I am now attending, the class was addressed at Brookings Institute by [REDACTED]. In the question period that followed his formal presentation to the class, Mr. [REDACTED] was asked to comment on the spate of recent unfavorable publicity in the newspapers about the Agency and the Director. He answered by observing that the Agency tended to be both too aloof from the press and too sensitive to outside criticism. He went on to say that several months earlier he had written a rather critical article about the Agency and the DCI and had submitted a draft of the article in question to the Agency's public relations office several days before it was to appear in the Post. He said he submitted the draft hoping for comments, suggestions, or corrections; none ever came, he said, and he was never contacted by the Agency regarding the article. The article thereafter appeared just as he had written it.

2. Mr. [REDACTED] also observed that none of his material that had been written about the Agency had been gleaned from Agency personnel themselves. He emphasized this and said he had not talked directly with any Agency people about such material, but had picked it up from non-Agency sources.

3. On the whole, Mr. [REDACTED] appeared to be frank, direct, and not ill-disposed toward CIA or any specific officer of the Agency. He did say, however, that he doubted that the Agency needed to be quite so secretive about its work insofar as its relations with the press were concerned.

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